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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Congress re-assembled yesterday; in both Senate and House the day was consumed in debate on the civil service; Senator Davis gave notice that next Monday the Senate in executive session would consider the Hawaiian treaty. —— A crank, who insisted upon seeing McKinley, was arrested at the White House, to be examined as to his sanity. —— Both branches of the Ohio Legislature adjourned until Monday, when Gov. Bushnell will be inaugurated; the anti-Hanna combine remain firm; there will be no test of strength until Tuesday; in the meantime the Hanna men are preparing for a demonstration in the interest of the Senator; Wednesday the two houses will ballot jointly. —— U. S. Circuit Court judges denied Durrant's application for a writ of habeas corpus. —— Senator Teller has introduced a resolution declaring U. S. bonds to be payable in silver dollars. —— There is a feeling in England that the situation in the Far East is improvieg. ——An understanding has been reached between Germany and China; the cession of Kiao Chou bay to Germany takes the form of a lease for an indefinite time. ——A goverment expert pronouncees the coal found at King's Mountain a fine quality of anthracite. —— The spinners' mass meeting at New Bedford, Mass., voted to strike against the reduction of wages. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 3@3½ per cent., last loan at 3½ per cent. and closed at 3@3½ per cent.; cotton dull—middling 5 15-16c; flour continued quiet with a bearish tendency; wheat—spot weak, No. 2 red $1.00½; corn—spot easy, No. 2 35½c. f. o. b. afloat; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 A.M., 44 deg.; 8 P.M., 48 deg.; maximum, 61 deg.; minimum, 44 deg.; mean, 52 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .00.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A ridge of high barometer covers the Atlantic and coast Gulf States, with fair and moderately cool weather prevailing under it.

A trough of low barometer extends from the West Gulf north to over the lakes, with cloudiness prevailing under it, and local rains falling over Western Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas. It is warmer under the low trough.

LOCAL FORECAST.

Fair weather, followed by increasing cloudiness; warmer; east to southeast winds.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 3.7 feet.

Port Almanac---January 6.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.03 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 54 M.
High Water at Southport	6.36 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	8.16 A. M.

An Alabama man had a very narrow escape the other day. He dropped dead the day before he was to have been married.

There is one Pittsburg man who can boast of getting ahead of a Pittsburg lawyer. But in doing it he got behind him and picked his pocket.

The death-rate in Philadelphia last year was 18.72 per 1,000, against 22.25 in 1892, and there isn't a remarkably large number of people on the pension rolls, either.

The Indiana mob which formed to hunt up and hang the man who murdered their county treasurer, changed its mind when it discovered that he had defaulted and murdered himself.

When denizens of Chicago go out these nights they keep themselves warm dodging footpads. They don't always succeed in the dodging, because while dodging some they frequently run into others.

The Washington undertaker who had charge of President Garfield's funeral doesn't want to bury any more Presidents, at least until he gets back the several thousand dollars he expended on that occasion.

There are some Iowa men who can stand a good deal but draw the line at being held up as horrible examples. The Salvation army did that with one of them recently, and now it has a suit for damages on its hands.

The Augusta *Chronicle* reminds the farmers of the South that they should raise not only their own "food crops, but also their meat." They should not depend on the possum for meat as they do in Georgia.

Mr. Unger, the new assistant district attorney of New York, is so stuck on his burg that he says he would rather be hanged there than die a natural death anywhere else. He was giving the New Yorkers perfectly safe taffy then, because they have quit hanging people they want to remove in that State and electrocute them.

About 75,000 people are affected by the cut in wages of the New England cotton mills. Their average wages were about $8 a week. At a ten per cent. reduction this would be $60,000 a week less paid in wages, necessitating economy to that extent, and that much less money spent among merchants, grocers and others, for the necessaries and comforts of life. That's where others as well as the operatives are hurt.

The gentlemen in Texas who are casting wistful glances in the direction of the U. S. Senate and aspire to Senator Mills' senatorial brogans have discovered that he is not yet tired of wearing them, and will stand again. The Senator who gets tired of his job is a very rare exception. They sometimes die but very few come out of the Senate voluntarily alive. It is a very pleasant mutual admiration society.

When some Kentucky men make up their minds to go into voluntary bondage there is no such thing as persuading them out of it. There was old General Cassius M. Clay, who made up his mind to marry a little girl who has been running away from him ever since, and kept him on the ragged edge, and another has just walked thirty miles to get a marriage license.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

I. B. Rhodes—Little Bo-Peep.
Opera House—"Trois Chapeau."
S. W. Sanders—Springfield hams.
F. T. Mills—Kentucky bred horses.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—General Agent.
W. P. Oldham & Co.—Apples.

WILMINGTON DRAMATIC CLUB.

Will Present a Popular Play Some Time Next Month.

Our Theatre goers will hail with delight the announcement that the Wilmington Dramatic Club is now arranging for a performance to be given the latter part of the month. The Club, as is well known, is composed of Wilmington's best amateur talent, and the productions of "Charley's Aunt," and "Gloriana" given by them last season were of such high order as would redound to the credit of any professional company and our people still bear pleasant remembrances of them.

The piece selected for this production is "The Substitute," a metropolitan success, which has had long runs in all of the large cities, and no doubt will prove even more popular than its predecessors. The performance is to be given for that grand old organization which is dear to the hearts of every true Wilmingtonian—the W. L. I.—and a picked squad of men will entertain the audience with an exhibition of fancy drilling during the intermissions. The date has not yet been definitely decided upon, but it is thought everything will be in readiness between the 20th and 25th of this month, as the rehearsals will soon commence.

Death of Mrs. Catherine Fulton.

Telegrams received here last evening brought the tidings of the death of Mrs. Catherine Fulton. She passed away at the advanced age of 77 years at 5.30 P. M. yesterday at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. T. H. Wright, Auditor of the Seaboard Air Line, Portsmouth, Va. Mrs. Fulton had many friends and relatives in this city, having lived here for many years of her life. She was the daughter of the late William McKoy, a former merchant of this city. The late Dr. Wm. A. Berry was an uncle of the deceased. Mrs. Fulton's husband, Mr. David Fulton, who preceded her to the grave in 1849, was one of the founders of the Wilmington *Journal*, his associate being Mr. Alfred Price.

Mrs. Fulton's only child is Mrs. T. H. Wright, of Portsmouth.

The remains will arrive here to-morrow and the funeral will take place at 3 P. M. from St. Thomas' church.

7,500 DEER KILLED.

Something That Will Interest Our Local Hunters.

What will 'Squire John Wagner, old man Tom Burnett, Sol. Jones and George Penny think of the announcement that for the game season that closed in Maine December 31st, it is estimated that there were killed 7,500 deer, besides several hundred moose and caribou? If those mighty hunters of the "antlered monarch" could spend one season there with "Fletcher," "Driver," "Rover," "Trailer," and the rest of the dogs "whose heads are hung with ears that sweep away the morning dew" they would forsake the "Sunny South" and never more wind their horns in the forests of New Hanover and Brunswick.

FUNERAL OF J. W. McNAIR.

The Number Who Attended Estimated at Two Thousand.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. W. McNair, which took place at Laurinburg, Monday, was one of the largest ever known in that section. The attendance was estimated by a gentleman who was present at about two thousand, and there were fifty-five vehicles in the procession. The people of the surrounding country turned out *en masse* to show their respect for the memory of the lamented dead and for the stricken family. Mr. McNair was one of the most popular young men of Richmond county, and was universally loved and respected.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Epiphany services at St. John's church to-day at 11 o'clock.

— The Auditing Committee of the Board of County Commissioners will meet at 7.30 o'clock to-night.

— Reports from Savannah say the cold snap did very little damage on the truck farms in that section.

— The new flag staff from which "Old Glory" floats to the breeze from the post office building was raised yesterday.

— Jacksonville *Times*: "The Wilmington STAR came out on New Year's Day in a new dress of type. We wish it the success it so richly deserves."

— Mr. J. H. Arner, general agent, is at 28 North Front street exhibiting "Calkin's Electric Burners." He is looking for general agents. See his ad.

— The next Star course entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. will be given by Mr. Charles T. Grilley, a well known entertainer.

— The STAR is glad to hear that Mr. E. L. McCormac and Mr. Augustus McNair, of Maxton, who have been seriously sick, are both improving, though slowly.

— There will be a meeting of the board of directors of the Merchants' Association at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon at their office in the Seaboard Air Line building.

— Some Latter Day Saints held forth last night near the corner of Second and Market streets, but they were not able to draw a crowd and soon suspended their efforts.

— "For heaven's sake stop that advertisement of mine," says the merchant who advertised in the STAR for a bookkeeper. We don't blame him. He was almost overwhelmed with responses.

— Arrangements are being perfected that will secure an earlier delivery of the STAR to city subscribers, and we shall be disappointed if there is not a material improvement on that line to-day.

— The pipe for the completion of the new attesian well arrived via the Atlantic Coast Line yesterday and work will be resumed to-day and will be pushed forward with as much dispatch as possible.

— One of our leading attorneys informs us that the rules of the Supreme Court now require the "entire record" in all appeals (except pauper appeals) to be printed, and it is essential that the work be done before the call of the district to which the case belongs.

— In the article in the STAR yesterday on the meeting of the Manufacturers' Committee, the name of Col. F. W. Kerchner appeared for that of Col. F. W. Foster. Both of these gentlemen have the manufacturing interests of Wilmington at heart, but it was Col. Foster who was added to the Manufacturers' Committee on Tuesday afternoon.

— The marriage of Miss Dina Bokelmann, of Charleston, S. C., to Mr. John H. Kuck, a well known business man of this city, is announced. The ceremony will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 19, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Schroeder, Charleston, Reception at 8.30 P. M. Wednesday, January 26, at Mr. Kuck's residence, 518 Grace street.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—151 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 8 bbls tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—231 bales cotton, 23 casks spirits turpentine, 209 bbls rosin, 56 bbls tar.

Carolina Central Railroad—21 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 117 bbls rosin, 8 bbls tar, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—8 bales cotton, 16 casks spirits turpentine, 34 bbls rosin, 16 bbls tar.

W. & N. Railroad—42 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 4 bbls rosin.

Steamer W. T. Daggett—7 casks spirits turpentine, 103 bbls rosin, 7 bbls tar, 9 bbls crude turpentine.

Total—Cotton 453 bales; spirits turpentine, 59 casks; rosin, 467 bbls, tar 95 bbls; crude turpentine, 17 bbls.

"An Honor to the Profession."

Lumberton *Robesonian:* "The WILMINGTON STAR, the State's oldest daily, and an honor and ornament to the profession, celebrated the new year by putting on an entirely new dress and appearing in brighter form. The STAR is more prosperous than ever, having the best patronage in its history, a fact that will be learned with pleasure by all its friends."

An Enjoyable Evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rehder gave a progressive whist party at their residence, 107 North Seventh street, last evening. There were six tables, and suitable prizes were awarded. Afterwards refreshments were served. The evening was a most delightful one to those participating.

Clearences for Foreign Ports.

Three vessels cleared from this port yesterday for foreign countries. Messrs. Alexander Sprunt and Son cleared the British steamer *Yearby* with cotton for Liverpool. The British steamship *Lucerne* with cotton, was cleared for Ghent by J. H. Sloan, and Paterson, Downing & Co., sent out the Norwegian barque *Falcon* with naval stores, for London,

Arrived To-day—50 bunches Bananas—5c and 10c dozen—50c and 75c bunch to the trade at Palace Bakery.

IT IS WILLIAM'S PLUM.

So They Say in Washington—Some Guesses As to Who Will Profit by the Deal.

"Chadbourn will be Postmaster, and everybody satisfied." This is the tenor of several private telegrams received here yesterday from Washington. This means, of course, that a trade or deal has been consummated that is satisfactory to those immediately concerned, and all others will have to take the medicine whether it be palatable or not.

But there is something more than the agreement to withdraw all opposition to Mr. Chadbourn in this "deal," and the STAR will undertake to do some guessing in this connection. This is about the way it looks: Albright will be assistant Postmaster under Chadbourn. The salary of the Postmaster is about $2,800, and that of the assistant is $1,400. Chadbourn probably said to Albright: "I cannot give but a part of my time to the duties of this office. I have other important engagements. Withdraw from the race, and take the position of assistant. Do the work of the office, and I will pay you $700 of my salary. This, with your own salary of $1,400, will make $2,100. This will fix you nicely, you will receive just as much pay as I will." To this Albright must have said: "Agreed."

Now the Hon. Filibuster Bonaparte Rice must be considered. So, he lines up with Chadbourn. He will be deputy collector of the port under Dancy at a salary of $1,800. Dancy does not live here now, and will probably be absent most of his time, and Rice will be in charge of the office. The salary of the deputy now almost equals the salary and fees of the collector.

When Rice resigns his present position as city clerk and treasurer John E. Taylor, now his deputy, will succeed Rice. So far, so good, to the Republicans. But there is another feature of the game. It has been known for some time that Russell's hostility to Rice and his influence with the present Board of Aldermen would in all probability soon culminate in the decapitation of Rice as clerk and treasurer. It is known, too, that Rice has openly declared his intention of being a candidate for sheriff at the next election. But by giving him a snug berth in the Custom House he is made to feel that he never did wish to be a candidate for sheriff, and this leaves the field clear to our neighbor-in-law Gee Zee, or to whoever he and his friends may name. This guess of the STAR is made a good one by the fact that Rice yesterday telegraphed the news of the success of Chadbourn to Gee Zee, although he and Gee Zee have been looking cross-eyed at each other for some time. That telegram was the olive branch—the handshake by wire, speaking after the manner of men.

There is an encouraging feature in the situation to the business men of Wilmington. If the management of the post-office is turned over to Mr. Albright, the work will no doubt be well done. He has not only been an excellent postal clerk, but he has been assistant postmaster, under his father, at Durham, where the postal business is very large and necessarily requires a very capable man to conduct it.

A NEW PUBLICATION.

The Southern Milling and Lumber Journal.

The first number of the *Southern Milling and Lumber Journal*, Z. W. Whitehead, editor, came out yesterday. It is in every way a success. It starts out with a good advertising patronage, and with the progressive management which will characterize it with Mr. Whitehead as editor and publisher, the prospects for an increased amount of advertising are very bright. The contents are well arranged, consisting of editorials, extracts from other journals of similar kind, letters from special correspondents at Baltimore, Norfolk, Washington, D. C., New York, St. Louis, Atlanta, Savannah, Jacksonville, Fla., and Charleston, S. C. There are also different departments under heads appropriate to the aims of the journal. Typographically, the journal is neat and attractive. The STAR wishes it abundant success.

N. Y. Shipping List and Price Current.

The first issue of "The Daily Shipping and Commercial List and New York Price Current" has reached the STAR. It appears, however, that this title may not be the permanent one, as Messrs. D. O. Haynes & Co., the publishers, intended at first to publish the new daily under the name of "The New York Commercial," and will do so yet unless "The Commercial Advertiser" wins a suit to prevent the new paper from using the title, "The New York Commercial." Whatever name is decided upon, there is no doubt but that there is a big field before a daily containing so extensive and varied an assortment of commercial and shipping news.

Sold at $5,600.

Mr. S. H. Fishblate's stock of gentlemen's clothing and furnishing goods was sold at noon yesterday at public auction for the sum of $5,600 to Mr. A. L. Rosenaur, of the Baltimore Bargain House. The property was cried off by A. G. Ricaud, Esq., and the bidding opened at $2,500.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such case steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT.

Trial of Giles Anderson for Murder to be Set To-day—Cases Disposed of Yesterday.

Pursuant to adjournment the Criminal Court met at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. During the day the following cases were disposed of:

State vs. T. F. Bell, larceny. Verdict not guilty.

State vs. John Sanders, larceny. Twelve months in the penitentiary.

State vs. John Sanders, larceny. Submitted and judgment suspended.

State vs. Wm. Wilkins, larceny. Verdict, guilty. It appearing to the court that this was the second offence of larceny committed by the defendant, the defendant was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

State vs. Wm. Wilkins, larceny. Guilty and judgment suspended.

State vs. Geo. Williams, larceny. Guilty. Four months in county house of correction.

State vs. Willie Harrison, larceny. Not guilty.

State vs. Wm. Bolden, assault and battery with deadly weapon. Submitted and given six months in county house of correction.

The grand jury returned not a true bill found against David George, assault and battery, and true bills against Son Clark, house breaking; Son Clark, larceny; Amos Miller, larceny; John Faircloth, assault and battery with a deadly weapon; Arthur Brown, assault and battery; Richard Herring and William Harris, larceny; Sam Livingston, assault and battery with a deadly weapon; Alex Rone, assault and battery with a deadly weapon; not a true bill against Caleb Herring, assault and battery, and true bills against James Eddie, carrying concealed weapons; Moses Williams, larceny; Edward Gause, larceny.

The jury in the case against W. C. Hayes, colored, for abortion, were out all night, failing to agree on a verdict. The court ordered a juror withdrawn and a mistrial made. Solicitor Richardson took a nol pros in the case and also in a similar case against Geo. Peamon, the jury having failed to agree twice.

Giles Anderson, charged with murder, will be arraigned this morning and a day set for his trial.

The case against E. F. Hanna, agent of the Immediate Benefit Life Insurance Company, will be tried this morning. He is charged with the larceny of an insurance policy from Alice and Lovy Faison, colored, on the 16th of June, 1897. Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., will appear for the defence and C. P. Lockey, Esq., will assist in the prosecution.

ORION LODGE NO. 67.

Officers Installed at the Meeting Held Last Night.

At the regular weekly meeting of Orion Lodge No. 67 I. O. O. F. held last night the District Deputy Grand Master J. T. King assisted by Past Grands W. J. Reaves, J. E. Gordon, W. G. T. Keen, Geo. H. Howell, W. W. Yopp, installed the following officers:

S. P. G.—J. S. Barnes.
N. G.—J. W. Cate.
V. G.—W. C. Moore.
R. S.—L. Tate Bowden.
E. S.—J. E. Silva.
Treasurer—H. O. Craig.
Chaplain—J. E. Gordon.
Warden—S. M. Guttenburg.
Conductor—W. J. Reaves.
R. S. to N. G.—E. E. Ellsworth.
L. S. to N. G.—J. A. Orrell.
R. S. to V. G.—G. W. Smith.
L. S. to V. G.—P. T. Dixie.
R. S. S.—G. W. Branch.
L. S. S.—T. J. Ashley.
I. G.—J. B. Failes.
O. G.—W. E. Merritt.
General Relief Committee.—G. H. Howell.
Widow's and Orphan's Fund Trustees—F. B. Rice, G. W. Smith, J. E. Silva.

ORDER CHOSEN FRIENDS.

Officers of Wilmington Council No. 19 Installed.

The following officers of Wilmington Council, No. 19, Order of Chosen Frtends, were installed at last night's meeting:

P. C.—S. P. Wright.
V. C.—C. W. Polvogt.
P.—L. H. Kelly.
Sec.—H. C. Twining.
Treas.—P. V. Alderman.
M.—S. K. Devaney.
W.—D. Goldman.
G.—M. F. Croom.
S.—Geo. H. Heyer.
Med. Ex'm.—Dr. S. P. Wright.
Trustees—Wm. Struthers, Wm. Niestlie, Wm. Humphries.

After the installation exercises the members of the order indulged in a smoke.

At this meeting the Supreme Councillor conferred on Mr. P. V. Alderman the degree of Past Councillor. The Council regretted the absence of P. G. C., Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn, who is in Indianapolis, Ind., on a visit to the Supreme Recorder of the Order.

The meeting last night was a very enthusiastic one. There were sixty-eight members in attendance.

Death of Miss Eliza Reston.

Miss Eliza Reston, formerly of Wilmington, but recently living at Swann's Station, died on Tuesday in her seventy-fifth year. She was the sister of Mr. William Reston and Mr. John R. Reston, who many years ago were prominent citizens of Wilmington. Messrs. Clayton and Norwood Giles and Messrs. W. E. and J. D. Smith are nephews of Miss Reston.

Arrived To-day— 50 bunches Bananas—5c and 10c dozen—50c and 75c bunch to the trade at Palace Bakery.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. L. Z. Hedgpeth, of Rowland, was here yesterday.

— Mr. O. F. Justice, of Snead's Ferry, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. R. W. Rivenbark, of South Washington, was here yesterday.

— Mayor S. P. Wright returned from Washington City last night.

— Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Henderson, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Max Pincus, a popular shoe salesman, of Norfolk, Va., is here.

— Mr. J. N. Carroll, of Duplin county, was a caller at this office last night.

— Mr. T. A. Norment, of Lumberton, N. C., was in the city on business yesterday.

— Mr. E. J. Britt, of Hub, was here yesterday, calling on the wholesale merchants.

— We regret to learn the condition of Mr. Lewis Rowell shows no improvement as yet.

— Mr. Chas. R. Lewis left yesterday morning for Kerr, N. C., where he will spend a few days.

— Mrs. H. W. Hood and Mr. Theo. Coe and wife, of Southport, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. T. W. McBryde, of the Orton Hotel, returned last evening from a visit to Jonesboro, his former home.

— Mr. Dawson Latham will take a trip to the West Indies, leaving here on the schooner *Fred. B. Belano* in the latter part of the week.

— Messrs. D. Reid and Albert Sydney Williams, of New York, arrived in the city last evening to spend some time. Their numerous friends will be glad to greet them.

—Miss N. M. Armstrong, a charming belle of Dallas, Texas, who has been visiting Miss Martha Williams during the holidays, returned to Boston last evening to resume her musical studies at the Conservatory there.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Accident to One Of the Performers in "Humpty Dumpty"—Not Likely to be Serious.

The Frank B. Rhodes "Merrymakers" again appeared before the footlights last night. The first part of the programme, the one act comedietta, "A Game of Cards," as a curtain raiser was presented and well received. Miss Lylene Radcliffe as *Rosa*, still sustained her reputation in the portrayal of this character. The old and original pantomine "Humpty Dumpty," was also slated, but unfortunately Mr. Rhodes, who is the leading male character, and who had made quite a hit as *Humpty*, met with a painful but it is hoped, not serious accident.

In making his parachute drop from the top of the scenery, about fifteen feet from the stage a block gave way and Mr. Rhoder landed on the stage with sufficient force to almost knock the breath out of him. He was assisted off the stage and Doctors McMillan and Zachary were called. They said no bones were broken, but that he had received quite a considerable jar and that it will be two or three days before he will be able to appear again. While the audience were disappointed in not seeing the presentation of "Humpty-Dumpty," it was announced that on account of the accident the Company would give a vaudeville entertainment, and we think every one was pleased and got value received, as the specialities were good and new.

Yesterday afternoon the company gave a grand family matinee, which concluded with "A Hot Reception."

As Mr. Rhodes does not appear in any of the plays presented by the "Merry Makers" except "Humpty Dumpty," which will not be given again until Saturday, the accident will in no way interefere with the plans of the company.

Postponed Arrivals.

It turns out that it will be the last of the week when Mr. A. H. Spears, of New York, who is to initiate the Wilmington firemen into the use of the chemical engine, will arrive.

The representative of the Southeastern Tariff Association, who is also expected here in connection with the paid fire department, will arrive by January 15th, if not before.

DIED.

FULTON—At Portsmouth, Virginia, January 5th, Mrs. CATHARINE A. FULTON, of this city. Funeral from St. Thomas' Church, Friday, January 7th, at 3 o'clock.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Opera -:- House.

Frank B. Rhodes' Merrymakers.
"TROIS CHAPEAU,"
ROARING FARCE COMEDY.
SATURDAY MATINEE.
"Humpty Dumpty."
PRICES, 10, 20, 30 CENTS. jan 6 1t

At the Unlucky Corner
Springfield Mild Cured Hams.
The best of meat at a moderate price. Fresh shipments just received.
Special cut price on
Webb's Cream Corn and Fresh Ginger Snaps.
S. W. Sanders.
Both Telephones No. 109. jan 6 tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LITTLE BO-PEEP HAS LOST HER SHEEP,

and so have many farmers who have been fattening them for the market. She might find some of her choicest ones in our stock. We are receiving every day the finest meats that ever trotted on a hoof, and we will cut and prepare them for your table in an artistic manner, and sell them at lowest market prices.

I. B. RHODES.
jan 6 tf Front Street Market.

Fine Kentucky Horse Flesh.

TWO CAR LOADS
OF THE FINEST
KENTUCKY BRED HORSES
expected this week. Call and examine them.
F. T. MILLS,
112 and 114 North Water St.
jan 6 tf

Seeds, Seeds, Seeds.

NEW CROP JUST ARRIVED.

All Varieties, Lowest Prices.

TRUCKERS, COUNTRY MERCHANTS AND GARDENERS will save money by buying from

Robert R. Bellamy,

Wholesale Druggist and Seedsman,
jan 2 tf Wilmington, N. C.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Our Year's work has been hard; but the results are very gratifying. We sincerely thank our friends and the general public for their liberal patronage.

AND

Earnestly soliciting a continuation and increase of same, we wish you all the joy, happiness and pleasure the season brings; also,

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Respectfully,
MERCER & EVANS.
H. C. Evans' old stand. dec 25 tf.

WANTED,

IMMEDIATE SHIPMENTS OF
Coon, O'Possum, Fox, Mink, Otter and Other Fur.
Highest Cash Prices Paid for Same
No Commission or Freight charged.
SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,
de 18 tf 12 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
New Year
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS.
HALL & PEARSALL,
Wholesale Grocers,
Nutt and Mulberry Streets.
jan1 D&W tf

You Can Grow Bulbs

Just as good as the best of us. We have a few left, and with the instructions we give free, you can succeed beyond your expectations.

James D. Nutt,
The Druggist.

See the very latest in our window for to-day only. jan 1 tf

For Rent.

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BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 6, 1898

GRABBERS IN THE EAST.

In the opinion of thoughtful people who have watched the moves on the chess board in the far East the inspiration behind the grabbing in China by European nations is to put themselves in a position to control the trade of that vast empire. As a mere matter of territorial acquisition there would not be enough in it to put these grabbing nations to hustling as they are, but there are in this coveted territory between 380,000,000 and 400,000,000 of people to be fed and clothed, to whom to sell and from whom to buy, and this is market enough to excite the cupidity of the trader. Russia laid her plans years ago and in pursuance of those plans began and has carried nearly to completion the stupendous work of the trans-Siberian railroad, the greatest railroad in the world by long odds, spanning the continent of Europe and connecting St. Petersburg with the Pacific. This road by concession runs through much Chinese territory which will in time become Russian territory in spite of all the objecting powers may do. The other powers may protest and for a time retard the consummation of Russia's programme, but it will be accomplished at last in spite of them, and under Russian tutelage the giant may wake from his slumbers and give some of the grabbers trouble.

Instinctively and by training the Chinaman is averse to war and prefers the paths of peace, but there is among the Chinese, and notably in he northern part of the domain where the Russians figure most, some splendid fighting material when trained to arms and baited with blood. Napoleon warned Europe not to wake the sleeping giant, but they have begun to cut him up and take the chances of waking him. Russia is taking advantage of the cutting, but is shrewd enough to play the role of friend of the victim, and thus stand in with him. Russia has a population of 126,000,000, more than England, Germany and Japan combined. Add these 126,000,000 to China's 400,000,000, and what a host there is to draw armies from if they should with mutual understanding become aggressive. All they need is warships, and money will buy these. Something like this may happen as the eventual outcome of the greed for trade which inspires the grab for land.

But another motive may be figuring in this, which does not show on the surface. Senator Stewart declares that he can see in it the hand of the Rothschilds who began the game of bringing the world to a gold standard by sending Napoleon to St. Helena. They are encouraging the partition of China to put China on the gold basis, and then they will practically have the world on a gold basis. Senator Teller entertains a similar opinion although he does not charge the Rothschilds with being the power behind the thrones. We infer this from the following, which we find in a gold organ:

"Senator Teller is very anxious that the United States should take Europe by the horns and shake her off of China, and why? For what?

"China is a silver country. She is a patron of the silver mines of Colorado. It is said that Teller owns a large interest in them. If the gold standard countries of Europe succeed in partitioning China out between them it would naturally follow that that country would adopt the gold basis of circulation in the stead of the present silver standard, and Senators Teller and his constituent mine owners would lose a very valuable customer.

"It may be said that Teller is right, from the selfish standpoint of individual and local interests, but be this as it may, we do not see where the interests of the South and the Southern farmer come in, in the play. We do not see why the balance of the country should be made to draw the chestnut out of the fire for the silver bullionaires.

"If it were made to appear that the hand of Providence was in the game, and that the Christian powers would ultimately plant the Christian religion throughout that Pagan land, Teller and his kind would stand in the road and hold the scheme up, if they could, in the interest of the silver mine owners."

It isn't simply because China as a silver country is a patron of Colorado's silver mines that Senator Teller takes the view he does, but because the partition of China among the European gold standard nations means the establishment of the gold standard there, the control of the commerce of that dismembered empire and the destruction of American commerce present and prospective. That's what interests him and should interest all of us, although there is no likelihood of its doing so to the extent of going to war about it, or becoming mixed up in it. We might go so far as the friend of China to present a protest against that kind of piracy and then watch and see how the game of plunder progresses and how the royal thieves may get mixed up, get into each other's wool and defeat their own schemes.

It is not true that Colorado alone is interested in this thing on account of her silver, and it is not true that Senator Teller is personally interested on account of the shares he may hold in silver mines, for he is not and has never been personally interested in silver mining. The only mining he ever did was in a gold mine, and he lost money at that; got all the experience he wanted, and sold it years ago. He exploded this silver mine lie during the last campaign, when it was asserted that he was a silver man because he was a silver miner.

The Southern cotton grower is interested in the outcome of that game, for there was a fair prospect of making China a great market for American cotton and cotton goods, and a very great market if the Nicaragua canal be ever constructed. That country would before many years take much of our manufactured cotton and much of our raw cotton, the former of which has for years been mainly supplied by England. If Europeans get a firm foothold on Chinese territory and divide it up among them, as they seem to be planning to do, of course they will, to favor themselves, put all possible obstructions in the way of American trade, which they will endeavor to monopolize themselves. As they handicap and restrict our trade in European countries they would handicap and restrict it in their Chinese possessions, and this would practically cut us out of the Chinese market, so that the Southern cotton grower is quite as much interested in the outcome over there as the Colorado silver man is.

The concluding paragraph of the above extract must have been intended as a bit of humor, for certainly the writer could not have been serious when he intimated that there might be a possibility of the "hand of Providence" being in such an exhibition of colossal piracy, or making use of such agents and such means to Christianize Pagans and plant the Cross in a pagan land.

MINOR MENTION.

The Savannah *News* and a good many other papers in the South, have little hope of a reduction of cotton acreage as a result of the cotton growers' conventions that are being held from year to year. While these may induce some planters to reduce their acreage, there are hundreds who will not to the one who well pay any attention to the resolutions, or recommendations of these conventions. In discussing this question the *News* says:

"A Florida Subscriber sends the Morning *News* a communication in which he expresses the opinion that the cotton planters in trying to put a limit to the production of cotton, are doing just the thing which will tend to increase the cotton acreage. According to his view the greater the number of conventions the cotton planters hold, and the greater the number of resolutions relative to reducing the acreage they pass, the larger the acreage will be.

"There is undoubtedly much truth in what he says. Not a tenth part of the cotton growers pay any attention to cotton conventions or to resolutions advising a reduction of acreage. They hear of the conventions, however, and thinking that the resolutions will bring about a reduction of acreage, and, therefore, a better price for cotton, they plant much more land in cotton than they would if they felt certain there would be no reduction. Consequently, while a few cotton growers—principally those who attended the cotton growers' conventions—would reduce their cotton acreage, the great majority of the cotton growers would plant more cotton. The number of planters who would reduce their acreage being small, and the number of those who would not being large, the acreage in cotton next year would be greater than it was this year.

"Those who are trying to get the cotton growers to unite in favor of reducing cotton acreage will meet with no success in their undertaking. They will find the cotton crop steadily increasing, and the increase will be largely due to the agitation of the question of reducing the acreage. The agitation suggests the possibility of a reduction of the cotton crop, which means a higher price for cotton. The probability is sufficient to induce a large percentage of cotton growers to increase their cotton acreage.

"The wiser plan would be to let natural laws control. A low price of cotton for two or three years in succession would be more effective in reducing the acreage than the adoption of hundreds of resolutions by cotton growers' conventions.

"We do not know how it is in other States, but judging from our State exchanges, a good many of our cotton growers, disgusted with the low price of cotton, have determined to raise little or no cotton this year but grow other things instead. As the *News* says the low price will be much more effective in securing a reduction of acreage than all the resolutions that may be adopted and published. If the cotton growers would adopt the system of cultivating fewer acres and cultivating them better thus reducing the cost of production, and of raising their own supplies, thus making themselves independent of the cotton crop, they might stand a pretty big crop and the low prices that a big crop may be expected to bring. When the planter can hold or sell his cotton at his option, he will be in a condition to say something about the price of it.

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That Hon. Mark Hanna regards his case as desperate is shown by his resort to bulldozing methods to intimidate Governor Bushnell and the anti-Hanna Republicans in the Legislature. Beginning with the mob (called a delegation) from Springfield, which called on the Governor Tuesday, and the other mobs which showed up Monday and Tuesday in the Legislature, we may expect others whose mission will be to bring pressure to bear in favor of Hanna, and intimidate those within the Republican lines who are striving to defeat him. The telegraph informs us that the delegation from Springfield, Governor Bushnell's home, numbered 350, among them some of Bushnell's friends and former supporters, who stated their business bluntly and endeavored to force him to state whether he was in the combine against Hanna or not, in which they failed, for he simply dodged and protested his loyalty to the Republican party. In our political reading we do not remember to have ever read anything like this before—of a delegation, or a mob (which would be the more correct designation), surrounding a Governor and insisting on his telling them whom he favored for United States Senator; but no other man like Mark Hanna ever ran for Senator in Ohio or any other State, and no other man ever resorted to the methods to secure an election that he resorts to. He will supplement his mob pressure with bribery if necessary, in which he will have the co-operation of his friend McKinley, and if these do not succeed it will be a proof that there is more nerve and virtue among Ohio's legislators than a good many people believe there is.

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Secretary Gage's currency bill seems to be intended to forestall any action that might be desired by a majority of the American people on the financial question. When he appeared before the House committee on Finances to explain his bill and urge its adoption Congressman Fowler, Republican, of New Jersey, asked this question:

"Suppose the next Congress should be free silver, I desire to ask whether in such circumstances this bill would save the government from going to a silver basis?"

To which Senator Gage replied:

"With the veto of the President and this arrangement I think we would be all right."

That is to say with "this arrangement" and the veto of the President Secretary Gage "thinks" the will of the American people as it may be expressed at the ballot box and voiced by their representatives in Congress may be defeated, and yet this is a country where the people acting in accordance with law, are supposed to be sovereign.

In a Mississippi town recently, a postmaster who had been in the Union army and was a Republican too, died. His wife applied for the position made vacant by his death and was endorsed by nearly all the people of the town, both Democrats and Republicans, but it was discovered that an Ohio man had moved in there about a year ago, and he got it. It is hard to buck against an Ohio Republican, and especially hard for a female without horns.

BOOK NOTICES.

The literary reader and student will enjoy the January number of *The Bookman*, which presents a fine list of contents, embracing an interesting paper on literary celebrities of this and other countries. Published by Dodd, Mead & Co., 5th avenue and 21st street, New York.

The *Ladies' Home Journal* starts the New Year with a capital January number, most artistically illustrated, and filled with a splendid presentation of reading matter, in which the reader cannot fail to be interested. The domestic departments are as usual not only interesting, but valuable in the household. Published by the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

The *Atlantic Monthly*, which is never trashy, presents in the January number a varied and interest list of contents, among them some thoughtful articles on questions of public interest which may be read with profit. In addition to these are a number of papers which the general reader will enjoy. Published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., No. 11 East Seventeenth street, New York.

The Chicago Tammany Magazine is the title of a new Democratic monthly started in Chicago, the main purpose of which is to propagate Democratic principles. It is ably edited, but does not confine itself to politics, presenting articles on economic and other subjects to interest the general reader. Subscription $1.00 a year. Address The Chicago Tammany Magazine, 1,109, Ashland Block, Chicago.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

—It is said that Mr. McKinley's refusal to accept Mr. Gage's resignation has "restored confidence" again. Well, then, why not fetch prosperity to the front, so that people can see what she really looks like?—*Atlanta Constitution, Dem.*

—The Southern cotton industry is still in its infancy. It manufactures mainly the coarsar cottons, but it is gradually growing in the direction of the finer fabrics. Its future is exceedingly promising and its advantage of proximity to the cotton fields is very great.—*New York World, Dem.*

—Out of 366 children admitted to the Infants' Hospital on Randall's Island in 1896, the report of the Medical Board recently published shows that 354 died. The average life of the poor waifs in this establishment, where legalized cruel "charity" was provided for them, was 57 days. The percentage of mortality was 96.7. We need nor go to Cuba for details of horrible cruelty. Let Cuba match this slaughter of the innocents if it can.—*Philadelphia Record. Dem.*

—"The value of the assessed property in the South to-day." says the Nashville Banner, "is just double what it was before the war when the negroes were included as property." The population, it is to be noted, has increased in the same ratio, so that we are no richer now than we were then, for all the hundreds of millions of bales of cotton we have made and sold since. The lemon is a strictly Southern product, and the South should adopt it as its most expressive emblem.—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Teacher—"How far North does the Mississippi river run, Tommie?"

Tommie—"Don't run north, at all, runs South."

— Willie—"Pa, what do the Indians mean by 'happy hunting grounds?'"

Pa—"They are the grounds which they take the scalps of the other football players."

— "No, sir," exclaimed the irate father, "my daughter can never be yours."

"I don't want her to be my daughter," calmly replied the young man, "I want her to be my wife."

— "Well, what's the use of arguing," said the shiftless individual, "talk is cheap." "My dear sir," said the taxpayer, "did you ever take into consideration the actual cost of a session of Congress?"

— Drummer—"How do you distinguish your cattle from those of your neighbors?"

Ranchman—"Same way you tell your cigars,"

Drummer | "How,s that?"

Ranchman—"By the brand."

— Passenger—"Is this an accommodation train?"

Conductor—"No, sir; it's the limited."

Passenger—"Well, the company ought to raise the limit."

— New Clerk—"Have you ever read 'The Last Days of Pompeii?'"

Mrs. Neurich—"No; what did he die of?"

New Clerk—"Some kind of an eruption I believe."

— Ella—"Are you going to hear Dr. Wise lecture on 'The Young Woman of To-day?'"

Hattie—"No, indeed! I am going to entertain a young man to-night.

— Mr. Bright (reading paper)—"I'm surprised to know that a married man writes the 'famous notes' for this paper."

Mrs. Bright—"Why, dear, how do you know such is the case?"

Mr. Bright—"Only a married man could have penned this item: 'There will be no change in pocketbooks this season.'"

The diseases cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla are many, bacause most ailments disappear as soon as the blood is enriched and purified by it.

Short lengths of ingrain or three ply carpet make convenient rugs for many places. Finish the ends by fringing the carpet our four inches. Coarsely buttonhole the fringed part with some of the ravelings and tie the fringe into knotted tassels. With the ravelings make tassels and fasten them between the tied tassels.

A silver polish can be made by mixing a few drops of ammonia with whiting and adding enough water to the whole to make it the consistency of cream. It can be bottled and if corked tightly will keep as long as desired. It cleans silver without hard rubbing.

Goatskin rugs can be cleaned by rubbing with a soft rag wet in naphtha. No gas should be lit in the room when it is being done, and the rag should be hung in the air afterward till the odor disappears.

A little bit of slaked lime mixed with a handful of sea sand that is to be used for scrubbing an unpainted table top or floor will readily remove stains and grease and leave the wood fresh and white.

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THE misery of sleeplessness can only be realized by those who have experienced it. Nervousness, sleeplessness, headaches, neuralgia and that miserable feeling of unrest, can surely be cured by Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine. So certain is Dr. Miles of this fact that all druggists are authorized to refund price paid for the first bottle tried, providing it does not benefit.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Jacksonville *Times*: Mrs. Emma Johnson, wife of Mr. Ivy Johnson, died last Friday morning, after a painful illness of several months.

— Lumberton *Robesonian:* We learn from a reliable source that the tobacco planters of Robeson county last year realized $100 per acre from their crops.

— Newbern *Journal:* Last month, December, was one of the biggest months in the oyster business Newbern has ever known, the receipts being estimated at 35,000 bushels.

— Statesville *Landmark:* W. W. White, Esq., who keeps an accurate record, says that there were 284 days last year in which no rain rain fell. This does not take into account the rainfall at night, but there were that many dry day during the year. Squire White says this is about an average for several years past.

— Fayetteville *Observer:* A colored boy named Handon was shot Sunday night in Seventy-first by his first cousin of the same name, from the injuries of which he died Monday night. The boys were fooling with a revolver which they supposed was not loaded. The shooting was purely accidental, and an inquest was not deemed necessary.

— Winston *Journal:* Mr. Daniel Clodfelter, 78 years old of Waughtown and one of iis earliest settlers and best citizens was killed last Monday morning at 8 o'clock near the public school house, by the falling of a tree, a large forked poplar, by two darkies, and in moving for its fall was caught by one of its prongs upon the leg and chest, killing him instantly. —— Joseph Jackson, the man who was stabbed and shot by John Duckworth in High Point Friday night, dodt of his injuries on Saturday. Duckworth is still at large.

— Charlotte *Observer:* Tuesday night in Asheville, several boys were in the room of a playmate named Wainscot, when the latter started to show his revolver to Willie Hampton. While extracting cartridges from the weapon, one shell exploded, the bullet striking Hampton in the eye and killing him instantly. The killing was apparently purely accidental and the Wainscot boy is nearly crazed with grief over the awful affair. The dead boy was 10 or 12 years old, and was the son of J. E. Hampton, of Asheville.

— Raleigh *News and Observer:* There seems to be no hope for Mrs. Albert Watson. She is now in the St. John's Hospital and the physicians there will do all id their power for her, but they think her spinal cord was injured by the bullet fired by her husband before he killed himself. They will try to locate the ball by means of the X rays. —— The pass-toters are very much worried over the recent action of the Railroad Commission. They are annoyed not so much by the fear of getting into trouble themselves as by the railroad's refusal to renew their passes, which expired with the old year. They are willing to take chances, but the railroad people are not.

HE GOT THE MILK.

A Story Showing the Sympathy and Simplicity of Professor Child.

Twenty years ago the writer, with her 3-year-old child, was on her way to Washington in midwinter. Instead of reaching that beautiful city early in the morning, as was expected, the train was stalled in the night by a terrible blizzard. After the height of the storm was over it took hours to dig away the heavy snow that buried, not only the rails, but the whole world apparently. Slowly and laboriously the locomotive crept on, and we were still 200 miles from Washington when the church clock struck 8 in a village where we halted. Men jumped up to see if there were time to get a cup of coffee; nervous and anxious women clamored for tea, and I cried with the rest, "Oh, if only I could get a glass of milk for my little girl!" "Impossible," said the brakeman, who was passing through the car; "we shan't be here but a minute."

Paying no heed to his words, a gentleman of striking appearance, whose fine face and head I had been silently studying, hurriedly left the car and disappeared upon the snowy platform. "He'll get left," sneered the brakeman.

The train moved on, feeling its way through the huge white banks on both sides. The gentleman had evidently been traveling alone, for no one seemed anxious because he did not come back. The cars were hardly in full swing, however, when he jumped aboard, a little out of breath, dusted with snow, but self possessed and calm, holding carefully a tall glass of milk, which he gave to the wee girl beside me. My stammered thanks for such unexpected kindness from an unknown traveler he brushed away with a wave of his hand. "But the glass?" I insisted, knowing it could not be returned, as we were now thundering onward. "Is yours, madam," he replied, settling himself into his seat, paying no more attention to us. But later in the course of the dreary forenoon he motioned to the little lass to come to him, which she willingly did. He lifted her to his side, and with his arm round her she cuddled up against him, and for two hours he whispered stories into her ear, so low that no one else could hear, but the delight of which was reflected in her dancing eyes and smiling lips.

At Baltimore the stranger disappeared, and a gentleman across the passage from us leaned over and said, "Do you know who has been entertaining your child so charmingly, as indeed only he could?" "I haven't the faintest idea." "Professor Francis J. Child."

So many years have flown since then that the little lass herself writes stories now—perhaps faraway echoes of those she heard that wintry day when Professor Child made summer in her heart, but the tall, thick depot tumbler still stands on the high shelf of the cupboard, too sacred for any use, save as a memento of the kindly chivalry of a great man to a little child.—Atlantic's Contributors' Club.

Convalescence.

Doctor—The matter with you is that you want to be out more.

Patient—I'll be out enough when I get your bill, doctor.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Greatest Discovery Yet.

W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa (Ill.) *Chief*, says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and surec ure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures, and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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Cure sick headache, bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, gas in the stomach, distress and indigestion. Do not weaken, but have tonic effect. 25 cents. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Remedy For Freckles.

Surgeon Major Wrafter, in a letter to the Calcutta Medical Reporter, says a question has lately been asked there of a wash or remedy to remove freckles from a child's face—something simple and harmless, it being for a tender skin.

As the term implies, ephelis, or freckles, are pigmentary spots seated in the rete mucosum, usually met with on the face and backs of the hands in children having red hair and delicate skin, and are, without question, produced from prolonged exposure to the rays of the sun in hot weather, as common experience declares, but it is evident that the solar influence must act upon a susceptible skin. They vary in size from a pin's head to a lentil and are of a brown color. They become darker during the summer, but do not usually disappear entirely in the winter months. They are of no pathological importance and can scarcely be mistaken for any other cutaneous affection.

The following is a perfectly harmless preparation for removing freckles of the skin:

Take 2 ounces of lemon juice, half a dram of powdered borax and a dram of white sugar. Mix them and let them stand a few days in a glass stoppered bottle till the liquor is fit for use. Then rub it on the hands and face occasionally.

Engagement Announcements.

The rather lately established custom of sending out cards announcing an engagement does not necessarily imply that an invitation to the wedding will follow. The engagement card is a bit of individual courtesy and insures a more complete knowledge of the event among the betrothed pair's circle of friends than the mere announcement at some social function will do. There are times when such knowledge prevents embarrassing complications.

When the guest list for the wedding is being made up, house limitations is the inexorable pruner of its dimensions. A fashionable and exclusive caterer will not serve when he is asked to crowd 500 into a house that will not comfortably hold more than 250. He goes over the rooms carefully, with a skill born of long experience and estimates to within a dozen persons the number that can be accommodated, according as it is a "sit down breakfast" or a "stand up reception." From his decision there is no appeal. Left out acquaintances should appreciate this fact and realize that rigid laws of space and matter alone have excluded them.—Philadelphia Times.

After the Elopement.

Artie—Darling, you have no idea how anxious I was while you were coming down the rope ladder. I was so afraid you had not fastened it securely above.

Susie—You needn't have been alarmed, dear. Papa tied the knot for me.—Detroit Free Press.

A Clever Trick.

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☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7¼
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5	@	5¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5¼
BARRELS Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	44	@	45
COTTON TIES ℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES ℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE ℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE ℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	20
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS— ℔ dozen	15	@	16
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 25	@	3 50
FLOUR— ℔ ℔			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 25	@	6 00
GLUE— ℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN— ℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	45
Car load, in bags—White		@	44
Oats, from store		@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	65
HIDES— ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1¾	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	8	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship stuff, resawed	18 00	@	30 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	9 50	@	9 75
Rump		@	8 25
Prime		@	9 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American	40	@	60
On 192 ℔ Sacks		@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	3 00	@	4 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	3 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5¼
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	3¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6?x6 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5?x4 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6?x4 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	18

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, January 5.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market dull at 30½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 30¾ cents for country casks. Later, sales of machine casks were made at 30½c, with no sales of country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.15 per bbl for Strained and $1.20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet; $1.40 per barrel for Hard, $1.90 for Dip and $1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine steady, 25@24½c, firm, 25½, 25½c; rosin dull, $1.45, $1.50; tar quiet, $1.00; crude turpentine dull, $1.40, $1.90, $1.90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	59
Rosin	467
Tar	95
Crude Turpentine	17

Receipts same day last year.—182 casks spirits turpentine, 1,339 bbls rosin, 261 bbls tar, 17 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5 7-16c. per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3	cts.	℔ lb
Good Ordinary	4 6-16	"	"
Low Middling	5	"	"
Middling	5 7-16	"	"
Good Middling	5 11-16	"	"

Same day last year, middling 6½c.

Receipts—453 bales; same day last year, 170.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN.—Firm; 47½ to 50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—$1.00 to $1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Steady; hams, 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to $3.25; seven inch, $3.50 to $6.50.

TIMBER.—Market steady at $8.00 to $8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 5.—Money on call firm at 3@3½ per cent., last loan at 3½ per cent. and closed at 3@3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.85@4.85½ for demand and 4.82¾@4.82½ for sixty days. Posted rates 4.83 and 4.83½@4.86. Commercial bills at 4.81½. Silver certificates 56½@58. Bar silver 56¾. Mexican dollars 45½. Government bonds strong; U. S. new 4's, registered, 128½; U. S. new 4's, coupon, 128½; U. S. 4's 112¾; U. S. 4's, coupon, 113¾; U. S. 2's 99½; U. S. 5's, registered, 114½; U. S. 5's, coupon, 114½. State bonds dull; North Carolina 6's 125; North Carolina 4's 101.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 5.—Rosin quiet. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, January 5.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30½c; no sales. Rosin firm; quotations unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, GA., January 5.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30½c bid; sales 245 bales; receipts 338 bales. Rosin firm; sales 1,759 bales; receipts 6,235 barrels; quotations were: A, B, C, D $1 20, E, F 1 25, G 1 35, H 1 60, I 1 75, K 1 85; M 2 00, N 20, W G, 2 45, W W 2 80.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 5.—Liverpool cables, while indicating a continued liberal demand for spot cotton, were not satisfactory as to futures, which showed some decline. At the same time there were selling orders here from Liverpool, while the early dispatches from Southern spot markets indicated a retreating tendency on the

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Money and Happiness.

What sad nonsense is still often talked about marriage, to be sure! A judge who recently ventured to discourse on the "happy state" without once "mentioning that all important word" envy has provoked an antipodean paper to express the opinion that domestic bliss is insured by the possession of a good banker's account. This unromantic opinion is hardly worth contradicting, and yet one hardly likes to allow young folks to read such assertions without correction. There is something positively appalling in the idea that girls should really believe that nothing but "cash buys comfort," and that mere comfort is invariably synonymous with happiness. And it is not true that rich, well dressed, well fed people lead the happiest lives together, as the annals of the divorce court prove. The married couples who do live together most happily are often those who have to struggle along as best they can on inadequate incomes and are never so idle as to get into mischief or grow discontented.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Acid Bath In Cookery.

The value of the marinade or acid bath is not half appreciated by any but French cooks. Almost any salad foundation is the better for this sort of pickling. Beets thoroughly boiled—this is imperative for the processes of digestion—take on quite a new flavor if allowed to lie for an hour or two in a mixture of two tablespoonfuls of oil, one of vinegar and a good pinch of salt. This is for a small quantity, to be proportionately increased for a larger dish. Chicken is much improved by marinading before being put with the celery and "mayonnaised" into salad. To marinade meats a slightly different mixture is prepared. Take one-third vinegar and two-thirds water; add onion, garlic, if liked, and carrots chopped fine; throw in a bay leaf, some peppercorns, whole cloves and allspice and let the meat steep in this overnight and until ready to be cooked the next day. Mutton thus treated becomes venison to even an educated palate. A fillet of beef is always improved by an hour's marinading before cooking.

English Doulton.

English doulton is the best imitation of delft and is considerably cheaper.

The latest thing in decorative doulton ware are the vases and jugs with extremely small mouths. The novelty consists in the decoration. The background is laid on in tones of shaded greens, melting one into the other, with here and there a suggestion of dark red or orange. The graceful mediæval figures of lords and ladies seem as if emerging from the misty dimness of twilight woods, with here and there a touch of autumnal brightness. These vases are rather squatty in shape, although the mouths are so small that they cannot contain more than a flower or two.

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A WOOD BIRD'S WHIM.

Hollow of a dead man's breast,
In a mighty wood—
Here's a place to make a nest
And to warm a brood.

Bees through its caressing vines,
Honey heavy, flit.
Every star of God that shines
Sees the way to it.

Buds which at their beauty blush
Weep their dews out here,
And the snake—I pray you, hush!
Something slides anear.

Was he poet—he to whom
All these things have paid
Reverent rites in sacred gloom,
Loving, not afraid?

He was poet. What dark whim
Set his heart to wings?
Oh, the song that wasted him
Now the wild bird sings!

—Sarah Piatt in Century.

MRS. PARSONS, M. D.

There are so many fools in the world that I do not mind confessing that I was one of them for a few dismal years, not one of the complacent, happy ones either.

To begin with, I took up medicine comparatively late in life. They had made an architect of me, but I soon found myself kicking vigorously against that honorable profession. After a deal of persuasion I was allowed to enter as a student at Bart's and for two years worked hard.

I read a good deal at the British museum, like other fellows, from the 8th of August, 188—, always at the B 11 seat.

Why, you ask, always at that place?

Well, because it was on that date the most charming little woman I ever saw first came and occupied the seat marked B 12. I hoped she would keep to that seat, and so she did. The pile of books she used daily staggered me, and of course it would have been troublesome to alter the indications on all her reference slips if she had changed or been ousted from B 12.

From the 9th of August, 188—, it was generally a toss up which of us was the first reader to appear in the reading room. The assistants often smiled.

Her name was Bella Whitoombe. I learned that very soon. An official left one of her slips on my table by mistake. She had asked for Strauss' famous "Lecture on Cardiac Troubles," and the slip came to me marked "In use." I had the greatest pleasure in the world in returning the slip to her with a smile. Then she smiled back at me with those sweet, brown eyes of hers and remarked: "What a nuisance! I did so want it."

After this we often exchanged words, trivial words. Any pretext was good enough for me that procured me a glance or a smile from her.

I did not get on at all with studies. If I had not been a fool from the professional point of view, I should have bolted to the W or Y part of the room. But I had come to the conviction that it was more enjoyable to fail in my exams and see Bella every day than pass with distinction at the cost of severance from her.

Blissful, lazy, heartbreaking, anxious hours, day after day from half past 9 until 3, with an interval of three quarters of an hour for lunch.

Bella was brought to the museum every morning by a maid. The maid took her off for lunch, and the maid was always waiting among the pigeons under the portico from five minutes to 3 in the afternoon.

There was no getting rid of that precious abominable domestic.

When we had known each other a month, I proposed (it was a wild, foolish thing to do) to accompany her toward Bayswater on an omnibus. The maid was to go inside, she and I outside, but it was no go.

"My father wouldn't like it, Mr. Marrable," she said, with a sympathetic smile.

I tried whispering conversations about the weather, textbooks, exams and so on. But, to say nothing of the frowns I raised on other studious faces and a formal protest from the gentleman on his throne in the middle of the room, Bella did not greatly encourage me.

"I am here to work," she wrote on a slip at one time and pushed this toward me.

It will hardly be credited, but I ostentatiously put that slip to my lips and then folded it and placed it in my watch pocket, the heart pocket.

How she looked at me when I did this! An ordinary girl would have giggled. She did not giggle, and thenceforward her smiles were not quite what they had been. The pensive seriousness in them, however, made her more and more dear to me. Even when, for a joke, I recommended her to ask for Spencer on "Shoulder Blades," a well known absurdity, she only gave me a little reproving nod of her pretty head, with the bronze colored hair and the tiny shell ears.

So it went on until November, when I could bear it no longer. I knew less about surgery and medicine than in July.

"I must speak to you at luncheon," I whispered to her that morning. My face impressed her. Besides there was another reason why she should assent.

We came out among the Egyptian tombs, mummies and things. I told her she was everything to me—life, blood, ambition, happiness—and, as was right, she believed me. Better still, she admitted that I was much to her.

"But, Philip," she added (I was holding her hand; we had wandered into a Greek statuary room, where there was no soul else), "it must all depend upon my father. If you satisfy him, I shall be a very happy girl."

The Greek statues had, I dare say, seen a great many people kiss each other 2,000 or 3,000 years ago, but they never saw a more earnest exchange of such tokens of affection than ours.

"Tomorrow, dear," said Bella, "at 11 o'clock would be the best time for him."

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An exciting but felicitous evening followed, unmarred by my sister's scoff at the idea of my marrying a medicine woman; so she termed my Bella.

But when I was at Bella's father's door I did not feel happy. What were my prospects? I had $100 a year of my own; nothing else.

Of all things, too, Professor Whitcombe was a teacher of philosophy. It is just those men who are so concerned with ideals that look so tremendously sharp after the downright material good things of this life.

The gentleman disconcerted me from the outset by his formal manners and his blue glasses. Up went his eyebrows when I told him what I wanted. Still he heard me to the end. Only when I had exhausted all my powers of asseveration about the great things I could and would do with Bella engaged to me did he cough and pass sentence.

"I never in my life, Mr. ——" (glancing at my card) "Marribone, heard anything more absurd or impracticable than your proposition. I have nothing more to say. Good morning."

When I was outside, I held my senses just sufficiently to rush back to Great Russell street. Some one else got my seat, of course, a hulking, raw young Scotsman, also a Bart's man. I waited, however, till lunchtime and then told her all.

"Poor Phil!" said she. "I—I'm afraid it is all over!"

We are again among the Greek gods and goddesses. She cried gently as she spoke.

"But you love me!" I asked in a boiling rage against fate.

"Yes, I love you," said she chokingly.

"Very well, then; I shall win you yet. Bella, always love me, and things will right themselves."

The kiss we then exchanged seemed our last, for, though I saw her in the afternoon, she never again appeared in the reading room.

I wrote to her and received one letter in reply as follows:

MY VERY DEAR PHIL—Papa forbids me to correspond with you in any way, and I must, alas, obey him. I can only repeat what you know. You are enshrined in my heart. Let us pray that the future may be brighter for us both. Your fond BELLA.

Sweet, sweet letter, in spite of the despair it indicated!

For the ensuing fortnight I was like one bereft of half his senses. I tried to work, could not and ran down in health at a gallop.

I learned that Professor Whitcombe was a cold hearted, scheming monster. He worshiped rank and money, though he taught the pursuit of the noble, the true and the beautiful. Hypocrite! It was plain I had nothing to hope for from him.

Then my father compelled me to see our doctor—he and they all were so alarmed at my personal appearance, plus a cough.

The upshot was that in mid-December I was in the bay of Biscay, bound for Australia. It was my only chance, said the doctor. He little knew. One word from that philosopher fellow, and I would have been a Hercules in five minutes.

However, the Rubicon was passed. I had written "goodby" to Bella and received no answer.

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Landing at Melbourne, I at once made arrangements for going up country to present certain letters to a cattle owner, Mr. Grant, among whose acres and quadrupeds I was supposed to have the best possible chance of regaining health.

And here I settled down.

It was less than 18 months afterward that I received an awful note from Professor Whitcombe informing me that his daughter was married to a "distinguished colleague in every way able to insure her happiness." That was how he put it. I was further requested to see both the absurdity and impropriety of continuing to address letters to Bella at her father's house.

My own people confirmed the miserable news. They didn't know the particulars, but they had seen Bella's name in The Times.

Once more I had a fit of raving, but it passed, and then I set to work to make money, the only aim that seemed left to me.

Under advice from Mr. Grant I had already bought a good block of land. I now prepared to stock it.

In three years I was worth $10,000, and scant joy the knowledge afforded me.

This, however, was nothing to what happened in the fourth year. Gold was discovered all along our line of country, and an expert I had told me I was a millionaire. So it proved. After a vast deal of excitement I cleared out of the country fabulously rich, considering my antecedents.

But, though rich, I wasn't happy, being one of those fellows, sometimes enviable and sometimes to be pitied, who, having once desired a thing, are never happy until they have got it.

Moreover, my heart had gone wrong, what with the excitement and my rather rackety, desperate way of living latterly.

The first thing I did in town after greeting the old folk was to consult old Jensen of Bart's. To my dismay, he agreed that my heart was really very wrong.

"What has done it?" he asked.

"Disappointment," I replied carelessly as my thoughts recurred to Bella.

"By the way," he added, "there's a downright clever woman specialist I would strongly advise you to see."

"You say that," I exclaimed, astonished, for the dear old chap knew all about my other case and also had in the old time expressed his contempt for the fair sex as medicine women.

"I mean it, Marrable, I seriously assure you," he replied, with a curious little cough. "She's written a remarkable little monograph. Here, I have it by me."

He showed it to me, and a brief glance proved that the writer at least knew her subject. "Mrs. B. Parsons, M. D.," was her name.

Then with a shrug I promised Jensen I would see the lady. Heaven bless the old chap! And what excellent luck it was, my thinking to go to him for advice!

I was inwardly somewhat amused the next morning when I called in Harley street and joined a couple of demure middle aged females in Dr. Parsons' waiting room.

In less than half an hour I was something infinitely better than amused.

"Be so good as to step this way, sir," said the man, and I and my card entered Bella's sanctum together.

"Bella!" I cried, and "Philip!" cried she, and we were in each other's arms before the amazed servant cleared out of the room.

It was a tremendous meeting, and minutes passed before I recovered my sanity. Then, with a fresh prick at that troubled heart of mine, I exclaimed:

"But your husband! Good gracious, what have I done?"

"He is dead," she said. "It was a wretched business. My father had set his mind on it, and there seemed nothing for it but to make him happy, seeing that I could not"—

"Could not what, Bella?"

"Could not make you believe that you were happy," she said shyly.

"And your father! Oh, but never mind now. I'm a Cœsus, positively rolling in money—that is to say (for I was conscious of my meanness), I hope he is well, my darling."

"No, Philip; he, too, is dead."

I am sorry to say that the news did not grieve me.

Then I started and told Bella everything, and afterward she told me everything. By the time that we had done with our respective histories the morning was far spent.

"And now, dearest, you must prescribe for me," I said, and I related my symptoms.

But she showed such a sweetly grave face at my words that I shuffled out of the role of patient back into that of lover.

"At any rate, my Bella, you will now be my life's physician!" I asked.

And so she is. We study each other's hearts—that is the main business of our two lives. Nor am I nearly as bad a subject as old Jensen made out when he sent me where he believed and fully hoped I should find my cure.—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

Japanese Toilets.

One of the principal charms of the graceful Japanese women undoubtedly lies in their toilets, to which they give special care—not that toilet which through one of the most senseless changes of the new Japan has been introduced from our old western world into the faroff land of the rising sun, but that which the Japanese women have been accustomed to wear from prehistoric times even to the present day. In Japan fortunately toilets are not so dependent on the freak of princesses as in certain other countries. There no one has ever heard of crinoline, puff sleeves and culs de Paris. The center of gravity of elegant costumes does not shift downward or forward with every year and every season. The Japanese women wear no hats covered with stuffed birds and other barbarities, as do those of—Tahiti; they do not bore holes in their ear lobes to weight them with heavy jewelry like the—negresses; they do not cramp their feet in stiff, narrow shoes like the—Chinese. And as to the device of steel and whalebone, with which the women of—other lands, compress their waists to give themselves the look of wasps, after the fashion of Chinese mandarins, they could not understand such proceedings at all.

The toilet of the Japanese woman is, as its whole appearance and cut show, of classic simplicity. It recalls the noblest costumes of classic Greece. But it is yet more beautiful, for to the long garments, falling in folds, are added fineness and costliness of material and, more than all else, wonderful color, of which the artist's eye can never tire.—Translated For Literary Digest.

Making a Critic.

It was at an art show, and the tall, esthetic looking girl was walking about in a bored manner, while the short one in serge rhapsodized over everything. Finally the latter remarked apologetically:

"I know my ravings seem crude and undiscriminating to you. Cousin Nell says you're such a connoisseur. How did you ever get to be?"

The tall girl yawned.

"It's very simple," she said. "One merely has to dress for the part and call everything which one understands at all 'hopelessly mediocre.'"—New York Journal.

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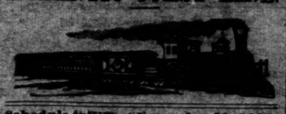

Schedule in Effect, November 29, 1897.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.25 A. M.: No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.55 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.45 P. M., Weldon 4.33 P. M., Petersburg 5.23 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 8.05 P. M., Washington 11.30 P.M., Baltimore 1.06 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., +Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M.: No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.05 P. M., +Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., +Norfolk 10.20 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.08 A. M., Philadelphia 11.35 A. M., New York 2.00 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.40 P. M.: No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.21 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M.: No. 53—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 8.12 A. M., Augusta 8.20 A. M., Macon 11.30 A. M., Atlanta 12.55 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.50 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.25 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M.: No. 49—Passenger—Leave +Boston 1.03 P. M., +New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 7.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 6.40 A. M., Weldon 11.52 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P. M., Goldsboro 3.20 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.24 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M.: No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.09 P. M., Baltimore 2.55 P. M., Washington 5.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., +Tarboro 6.01 P. M., Rocky Mount 6.45 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.22 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.58 A. M., Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 11.59 A. M.: No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.18 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M.: No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.37 P. M., Jacksonville 7.40 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Columbia 7.00 A. M., Atlanta 8.00 A. M., Macon 9.30 A. M., Augusta 3.05 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Sumter 8.25 A. M., Florence 10.05 A. M., Marion 10.44 A. M., Chadbourn 11.45 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.16 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.30 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leave Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.30 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.05 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 A. M.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 A. M. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 P. M.; arrives Nashville 5.05 P. M., Spring Hope 5.30 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 A. M., Nashville 8.35 A. M.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, Daily except Sunday, at 11.30 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 8.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.17 A. M.; arrive Latta 10.33 A. M., Dillon 10.47 A. M., Rowland 11.02 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.01 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.33 P. M., Latta 6.46 P. M., Pee Dee 7.05 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Conway 2.10 P. M.; leave Conway 2.45 P. M., Chadbourn 5.45 P. M.; arrive Hub 8.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.57 P. M., Manning 6.58 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.36 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.39 A. M. Manning 9.05 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.35 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.50 A. M., 7.55 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.14 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3 P. M. arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M., 5.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.28 A. M., Cheraw 11.40 A. M., Wadesboro 2.25 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 3.15 P. M.; arrive Darlington 4.40 P. M., Hartsville 5.35 P. M., Bennettsville 9.36 P. M., Gibson 10.00 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.27 A. M. Hartsville 11.10 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.15 A. M., Bennettsville 6.41 A. M., arrive Darlington 7.40 A. M. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 6.45 A. M.; arrive Darlington 7.37 A. M., leave Darlington 8.00 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.35 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3.00 P. M., Cheraw 3.15 P. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8.30 A. M., Darlington 9.05 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.25 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.30 P. M., 11.16 P. M.; arrive Selma 3.15 P. M., Smithfield 3.32 P. M., Dunn 4.00 P. M., Fayetteville 4.47 P. M., 1.14 A. M., Rowland 6.13 P. M.; returning leave Rowland 11.02 A. M., Fayetteville 12.32 P. M., 10.15 P. M., Dunn 1.05 P. M., Smithfield 1.48 P. M., Selma 1.50 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.00 A. M.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4.29 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M.; arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.35 P. M., Creston 5.30 P. M., Sumter 6.25 P. M. Daily.

Fregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 A. M.; arrive Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M.; arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11.10 A. M. and 8.05 P. M.; arrive Lucknow 1.00 P. M. and 9.05 P. M. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.; arrive Elliot 8.35 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 3.

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston.....	10 12	.....
5 35	5 45	Newbern.....	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 08	Morehead City..	7 43	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

S. L. DILL, Sup't.
jan 1 tf

Schedule on Wilmington Seacoast R. R.

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DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

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Leave Ocean View at 8.00 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$587,884 69	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts	66 33	Surplus	50,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	55,000 00	Undivided profits	30,404 01— 75,404 01
Banking House and Fixtures	1,000 00	Circulation	49,500 00
Due from other Banks	$219,398 57	Total Deposits	660,891 58
Cash on hand	65,294 00—287,692 57		
Total	$940,595 59	Total	$940,595 59

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Dec. 15, '95.	Dec. 15, '96.	Dec. 15, 97.
Surplus and Net Profits	$82,000	$82,400	$75,400
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

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Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. jan 1 tf

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Train 41—Leaves Wilmington 3:30 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:26 P. M., Pembroke 6:06 P. M., Maxton 6:19 P. M., Laurinburg 6:33 P. M., Hamlet 6:53 P. M. Connects at Hamlet with train 41 for Charlotte and Atlanta, and with train 403 for Portsmouth, Richmond, washington and points North.

Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 8:55 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:41 A. M., Raleigh 2:30 P. M., Sanford 5:08 P. M., Hamlet 6:33 P. M., Rockingham 7:39 P. M., Wadesboro 8:11 P. M., Monroe 9:13 P. M., Charlotte 10:35 P. M. Athens 8:45 A. M., and Atlanta 6:00 A. M. Connection at Weldon with train from Richmond, and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4:10 P. M., Richmond 8:55 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M., Arrives Weldon 11:10 P. M., Raleigh 2:07 A. M., Sanford 5:35 A. M., Hamlet 8:10 A. M., Rockingham 8:33 A. M., Wadesboro 9:54 A. M., Monroe 6.43 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolnton 10:20 A. M., Shelby 11:18 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 11:15 P. M., Atlanta 5:20 P. M. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman Sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:30 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:21 A. M., Lumberton 9:38 A. M., Wilmington 12:15 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 1:00 P. M., Arrives Athens 3:16 P. M., Monroe 9:30 P. M., Leave Maxton 4:37 P. M., arrives Shelby 5:55 P. M., Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:15 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M., Wadesboro 10:31 P. M., Rockingham 11:06 P. M., Hamlet 11:30 P. M., Sanford 1:03 A. M., Raleigh 2:16 A. M., Weldon 4:53 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:18 A. M., Washington 12:01 noon. Pullman Sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M., arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 7:00 A. M., arrives Hamlet 7:50 A. M.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 9:40 A. M., arrives Cheraw 10:00 A. M. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5:00 P. M. arrives Hamlet 6:30 P. M.

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Condensed Schedule.

In Effect November 28th, 1897.

NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	9 00 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 22 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 27 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 17 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 39 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 15 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 58 "
Leave Sanford

The Morning Star.

IN THE FAR EAST.

General Feeling That the Situation is Improving—The Chinese-German Difficulty Settled.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, January 5.—There is a general feeling in England, and it is reflected on the Stock Exchange that the situation in the far East is improving. It is believed the proposed Chinese loan of 16,000,000 pounds will be guaranteed by the British Government, although the final decision is not likely to be reached until the meeting of the cabinet on Monday next.

PEKIN, January 5.—The Kiao Chou difficulty was settled yesterday at a conference of the Tsung-Li-Yenmen (Chinese foreign office), which made the necessary concessions.

BERLIN, January 5.—The *Reichsanzeiger* this evening announces that according to a telegram from Pekin, an understanding has been reached between Germany and China regarding the cession of Kiao Chou bay to the former. The arrangement it is added, is substantially as follows:

It is intended by the cession to render possible for Germany the fulfillment of her just wish for the possession, in the same way as other Powers, of a base trade and navigation in Chinese waters.

The cession of Kiao Chou bay to Germany takes the form of a lease for an indefinite ttme. Germany is at liberty to erect on the ceded territory all the necessary buildings and establishments and to take the measures required for their protection.

The ceded territory comprises an area of several square miles, bounded by a larger zone around the bay, within which no measures or arrangements may be made by China without the consent of Germany,

LONDON, January 6.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Pekin, dated yesterday (Wednesday), says that Germany has taken a lease of Kiao-Chou for fifty years. It says also reports are current there that a French occupation of Hai-Nan island is imminent.

The *Times* says editorially this morning:

"It would be simple to assume that the *Reichsanzeiger's* dispatch tells the whole story, for it quite omits to say what China gets in return. To the world at large, however, the material fact is that Germany by physical force has obtained a naval station. This is the fact that must guide other Powers in determining their own policy.

"The talk of a lease is a mere saving of appearances. There is no doubt that both Germany and China are aware that it is a practical cession in full sovereignty. It provides a further argument in favor of an English guaranteed Chinese loan."

LONDON January 6.—The *Daily Graphic* calls the seizure of Kiao Chou "a felonious act," and says that Emperor William, "with incredible levity," has re-opened the Chinese question and put in jeopardy the relations of Germany with Russia in order to induce the Reichstag to sanction a big navy.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

Split in the Republican Ranks Prevent the House Organizing—May Effect the Senatorship.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., January 5.—The split in the ranks of the Republican members of the House of Delegates, which developed at last night's caucus, continued to-day with the result that the House was compelled to adjourn until to-morrow without having organized, and there seems to be no immediate prospect of a settlement of the difficulty.

The trouble arises from the position assumed by eleven of the members of the Baltimore city delegation, who say they are in rebellion against the rule of United States Senator Wellington, Governor Lowndes and other party leaders, and don't propose to be governed by them. Without the aid of seven of the seceders the Republican majority cannot elect a Speaker, and with four of them the Democrats would have the number necessary under the Constitution to effect an organization. The recalcitrant Republicans have a candidate for the Speakership in the person of Mr. Schaefer, a member of the Baltimore city delegation, and as yet nothing has been done to indicate a fusion between them and the Democrats. Such a thing may come to pass, however, and in any event the situation is having a serious effect upon the fight for the United States Senatorship. United States Senator Wellington and Governor Lowndes have both declared for Judge McComas for that office, while Major Alexander Shaw, General Thomas F. Shyrock and Congressman Sydney Mudd, are making an active canvass in order to see how the land lies.

The Democrats to-day voted for the caucus nominee of their party, Lloyd Wilkinson, while the Republican majority voted for Ashley M. Gould, who was put up by last night's Republican caucus. The balloting resulted in Gould getting thirty-eight votes, Schaefer eleven and Wilkinson forty-two, but as forty-six are necessary to an election an adjournment was taken until to-morrow,

The Senate organized by electing J. Wirt Randall president and filling the other offices with the nominees of the Senatorial caucus held last night. Both branches will meet again at noon to-morrow, when another effort will be made to patch up the quarrel in the Republican family. Balloting for a successor to United States Senator Gorman will begin next Wednesday.

The death of Louis Ranger, a prominent member of the New York Cotton Exchange, was announced yesterday. Mr. Ranger was also a member of the Coffee, Produce and Corn Exchange. He was sixty-five years old.

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SENATE AND HOUSE.

The Civil Service Law a Subject of Discussion in Both Branches of Congress.

A VERY LIVELY DEBATE.

Hawaiian Annexation Treaty to be Considered Next Monday—Bill Providing for the Taking of the Next Census Under Consideration.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—The presentation of replies of the members of the Cabinet to the resolution calling for information as to the application of the Civil Service law to the various departments of the Government, together with the consideration of the bill establishing a bureau for the twelfth census precipitated a sharp Civil Service debate in the Senate today.

Senator Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, gave notice that he would next Monday and daily thereafter, move that the Senate consider in executive session the Hawaiian annexation treaty until it was disposed of finally.

Senator Carter, chairman of the Committee on Census, called up the bill providing for the preliminary arrangements for the taking of the twefth and subsequent censuses, and offered a committee amendment to section three, providing that the President, instead of the Secretary of the Interior, should approve of the examination the director may prescribe for his subordinates named in the bill.

Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, sharply attacked the amendment. He said that the offering of such an amendment and the consideration of the section as it had been changed by the committee proved that the Republican party was making a square and unconditional surrender upon the civil service question.

Senator Jones said that all he contended for was that the census should be taken by honest and competent men, selected because they were capable of doing the work assigned to them, and not because they had any political influence. He then gave notice that after the pending committee amendment had been disposed of he would offer one providing that the assistant director of the census should not be of the same political party as the director.

Quite unexpectedly a lively civil service debate was precipitated just at the close of the session. Senator Carter, in charge of the bill, said that he would have the measure printed, with the amendments that had been offered to it, and for that purpose would consent to have it temporarily laid aside. He then moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business.

Pending the passage of that motion the Vice President laid before the Senate the reply of Secretary Sherman to the Senate resolution requesting information as to the application of the civil service law in his department. Secretary Sherman recommended in his reply that certain positions in the State department be exempted from the operation of the civil service law.

Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, was on his feet instantly upon the conclusion of the reading of Secretary Sherman's communication. "Coming from Secretary Sherman, who served long years in Congress, this communication must be regarded as a very remarkable document," said he. "The President himself, as Secretary Sherman well knows, has ample authority to modify the law in accordance with the recommendations of his Secretary of State. For a Secretary of State to come to Congress for such relief as Mr. Sherman requests when his own chief, the President of the United States, has full power to act, is presumptuous."

Senator Allison said that in making his reply, Secretary Sherman simply complied with the explicit request of the Senate, and he had the resolution read to show that it called for recommendations or suggestions for modifications that cabinet officials might have to make.

At 3:10 P. M., on motion of Senator Carter, the Senate went into executive session, and soon after, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, December 5.—The civil service debate began in the House to-day, based on the item in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill for the maintenance of the commission. It promises to continue at least until the end of this week with a possibility that it may run longer. Bnt it is generally admitted on both sides that the appropriation in the bill will stand, as the anti-civil service reformers do not seriously contemplate an attempt to strike it out. The debate therefore is only preliminary to any programme which the enemies of the law may agree upon. The members of the House are divided into three camps on this question; those who stand by the law, those who advocate its entire repeal, and those who desire its modification. These divisions were apparent in the debate to-day, the nature of which was not as stirring as had been anticipated.

It was proposed that Mr. Moody, Republican, Massachusetts, and Mr. Dockery, Democrat, Missouri, control the time for and against. Mr. Hepburn, Republican, Iowa, suggested that it was a three-cornered contest.

"The Democrats", said he, "desire the entire repeal of the law. Some of those on this side desire it to stand as it is, while a large body of us desire a wholesome modification of its provisions".

Mr. Clark, Democrat, Missouri, asked whether the Republicans who were hostile to the law intended to bring in a bill for repeal to which Mr. Pearson emphatically replied in the affirmative. He further said it would be prepared to-night and introduced at the earliest practicable moment, and the chairman of the civil service committee would be asked to report it.

"If he does not", said he, "the committee will instruct me to report it." (Applause.)

"Will you gentlemen on the other side use your best endeavors to secure consideration for it when it is reported?" asked Mr. Clark.

"We will make desperate efforts," answered Mr. Pearson. "We will go to the extreme and vote with Democrates to secure consideration." (Applause and laughter.)

Judges Morrow and De Haven of the U. S. Circuit Court, rendered their decisions in the Durrant case. They denied the application for a writ of habeas corpus and also refused to grant Durrant's attorneys leave to appeal from this decision.

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HANNA MEN ARE ANGRY.

A Chorus of Bitter Howlings From His Supporters All Over the State.

THERE MAY BE TROUBLE.

Gov. Bushnell Will be Inaugurated on That Day, Bnt the Exercises Will Not Interfere With the Senatorial Fight—Both Houses Will Ballot Tuesday.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, O., January 5.—Both branches of the Legislature have adjourned till Monday. But both sides of the Senatorial contest remain in conferences daily and nightly at the Neil House and the Great Southern Hotel respectively.

The suspense and secret work will continue till next Tuesday, when the two branches of the Legislature vote separately for Senator, and the roll calls will show whether any changes have been made. The doubtful members made no flops to-day. They still remain doubtful, and they are receiving the united and untiring attention of the Legislative steering committees and outside workers.

Next Monday Governor Bushnell will be inaugurated for his second term, but the exercises will not interfere with the Senatorial fight. The anti-Hanna Republicans expect all of their followers here Monday for a large demonstration.

Although many Republican clubs have cancelled their engagement for quarters on inauguration day, it is believed that the efforts of the anti-Hanna Republicans to have as big a demonstration as usual will succeed. The Hanna men will also take advantage of the excursion rates to have visiting Republican delegations here on that day to protest against "the combine" with Democrats. The expected dead-lock will not begin till next Wednesday, when the two houses ballot jointly for Senator and continue to ballot jointly from day to day till there is an election. As the balloting may continue indefinitely, it is not expected that the inauguration visitors will remain to add to the chorus of bitter howling and countercharges, but some apprehend insulting demonstrations and even serious disturbances on Monday.

Letters and telegrams from protesting Republican clubs and committees and others, continue to pour in from the counties on the Governor and the Republican members who are co-operating with the Democrats and some of these messages and missives appeal to Senator Foraker to come to the relief of the party by declaring it to be the duty of all Republicans to stand by the Toledo State Convention in supporting Senator Hanna.

HANNA WILL NOT WITHDRAW.

In reply to the reports about Secretary Sherman, Assistant Secretary Day, Congressman Grosvenor and others being made the Republican Senatorial nominee, Senator Hanna said positively to-day he would never retire. He says he was nominated by the Toledo State convention for Senator, and cannot retire in favor of any other one. If he is defeated, the responsibility for disregarding the decree of the State convention will rest on those who are now co-operating with the Democrats. The Senator insists that he will never withdraw, even if defeat should become inevitable; but he still insists that he will win out before another week rolls around. Senator Hanna, Mr. Kurtz and other leaders are now almost worn out, and they evidently have a long struggle still ahead of them.

The standing committees have not yet been announced in either house and the combine is using the patronage to hold the men in line. In the Senate to-day, Senator Burke showed some tendency to co-operate with his Republican colleagues. The Democrats wanted to report the committees, but Senator Burke stopped them, saying he would vote with the Republicans. Later in the day Senator Burke was in conference with Hanna, and he spent most of his time wth the Hanna workers.

The Republicans announced yesterday that they would hold no joint Senatorial caucus to-night and the Democratic members made the same announcement to-day. The anti-Hanna Republicans will have no caucus, so that there will be no test of strength till next Tuesday. While the Hanna men are still short three or more votes on the current claims of both sides, yet "the combine" is having its troubles in fixing on some one who can command all the Democratic vote as well as that of the dissenting Republicans. Lewis G. Bernard, the Democratic leader from Cincinnati and the manager for John R. McLean, said to-night: "There will be no election for a long series of ballots. The Democrats will scatter their votes." This is taken to mean that the Democrats will not be able to agree in their caucus on a candidate. The anti-Hanna Republicans announce positively that under no circumstances will they vote for a Democrat.

They will continue the dead-lock indefinitely rather than elect a Democratic Senator.

Ex-Senator Brice delivers an address here next Saturday night before the St. Jackson Day banquet, and his presence is anticipated with some anxiety.

The *Press* is out with a sensational extra edition to-night, announcing that the Democratic prosecuting attorney has presented the Senatorial situation to the grand jury. In referring to this inquisition the *Press* says sworn statements have been submitted to the grand jury from Representative and Mrs. Griffith, of Union county; Representative George Spellmyer and Chris Montor, of Cincinnati; Hon. N. R. Rysell, of Columbus, and others, against certain workers for Hanna. This affair is pronounced as an attempt at intimidation by the Hanna men.

THREATS OF VIOLENCE.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, January 5.—A special from Marysville, Ohio, the home of Representative Griffith, of the State Legislature, says: "The people here are wild, and threats of violence are made against Representative Griffith. Two Kurtz men from Columbus, while here, narrowly escaped violence at the hands of angry Republicans. A mass meeting of Griffith's constituents has been called for to-night to take action in the matter."

Senator Butler, of North Carolina, introduced a resolution yesterday providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

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CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The Bill Drafted by Republican Members of the House—Will be Introduced To-Day.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—The bill for the reform of the civil service law, which has been drafted by a special committee of Republican members of the House of Representatives opposed to the system in its present form, makes sweeping changes in the present system, the most important of which is the establishment of a five year tenure of office for those government employes who are brought within the terms of the bill. The measure limits the application of the civil service system to the departments in Washington and to such other locations where the total number of employees exceed twenty-five. All appointees recommended for five years with the removal clearly regulated and vested in the appointing power. It is provided however that no removal shall be made for political or religious causes and in case of removal the causes shall be specified and the papers made a record of the office.

All persons in the public service are to terminate their service five years from the time that the act takes effect. The measure recognizes the general eligibility of these persons for re-appointment. It includes the civil service postal clerks and letter carriers in offices having ten employees, exclusive of subordinates. It limits the civil service regulations to clerks whose compensation is from $900 to $1800 per year and includes as clerks copyists, computers, counters and draftsmen.

It is pointed out that the essential idea of the foregoing bill is to take out of the civil service all responsible and important officers, limiting it only to clerks in Washington and certain large cities and in these cases fixing a tenure of office of five years. The members of the special committee framing the bill are well pleased with their labors, saying that the original purpose of the civil service has been retained and that its radical expansions have been cut off.

As the result of the conference of the Republican members of the House opposed to the existing civil service system, the bill outlined in to-day's dispatches was adopted unanimously with a few amendments. Representative Evans, of Kentucky, was instructed to introduce the measure in the House to-morrow. It will then be referred to the committee on civil service reform.

The report of the special committee, which has been going over the various civil service bills on the calendar during the recess, as a basis for the one now framed, was made by Mr. Evans. When the section relating to postoffices was reached, Mr. Steele, of Indiana, moved to strike out the provision which excludes part of the postal service from the operation of the law. This, however, was defeated and with the exception of several minor suggestions and changes made, there was a general unanimity among the conferees. The leaders of the movement are not yet able to definitely fix the number of government offices affected by the bill, but say it will certainly leave sixty thousand positions under the civil service law, while there are now over 87,000. It is asserted that there is a majority in the civil service committee in favor of material modifications of the existing law. An effort will be made to have the bill reported to the House by Friday and action taken immediately.

SHREWD SWINDLERS.

Two Jewelry Firms in Massachusetts the Victims.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SALEM, January 5.—Two of the large jewelry firms of this city who advertise largely in magazines and do a very extensive mail and express order business throughout the country, reported to-day that they were the victims of a clever swindle at Christmas time. At that time one of the firms received an order for $150 worth of goods from a person in Willow Grove, Pa., who enclosed express money order in payment for the same. The other firm at the same time received an order for $100 worth of goods from the same persons, who paid for them in a similar manner. These orders were accepted without question, but the United States Express Company now makes affidavit that the orders were forgeries upon blanks stolen from the company. It is thought probable that other concerns doing a similar mail and express business throughout the United States have also been victimized.

BONDS PAYABLE IN SILVER.

Senator Teller's Resolution Introduced and Referred.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—Senator Teller to-day introduced a concurrent resolution declaring the bonds of the United States to be payable in silver dollars, and asserting that "to restore to their coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith, nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor." The resolution is in the language of the resolution introduced by Hon. Stanley Matthews in the Forty-fifth Congress and which passed both houses. Senator Teller's purpose is to secure a vote upon the resolution, which received an almost two-thirds majority when previously considered. The resolution was referred to the Finance Committee but as a majority of the members of that committee are friendly to silver Mr. Teller anticipates that it will be favorably reported.

BOLTERS IN MARYLAND.

Eleven Republicans Stay Out of Legislative Caucus.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 4—Almost without a moment's warning a crisis has been precipitated in the Maryland Legislature on the eve of its assembling to-morrow. Eleven of the Republican members have bolted, and to-night refused to go into caucus. The situation is as serious for the party as it is in Ohio. Without the votes of the eleven, the House cannot be organized, because, under the constitutional law of the State a Speaker must be chosen by a majority of all the votes of the House, and as the Republicans have only 49 to the Democrats 42, eight deserters from the Republican side would be sufficient to cause a deadlock. The outsiders number eleven.

KING'S MOUNTAIN COAL.

Report of Government Expert Who Examined a Sample.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 5.—A special to the *Observer* from King's Mountain, N. C., says a government expert has examined a specimen of the coal recently discovered near that place and pronounces it to be 95 per cent. carbon and a fine sample of anthracite. The deposit, it is said, crops out in several places.

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

Improved Prospects for Passage of the Treaty by the U. S. Senate.

Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—Senator Davis, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, gave notice in the Senate to-day that he would call up the Senate annexation treaty in executive session on Monday next and ask the Senate to consider it each day thereafter until the treaty should be disposed of. It was positively announced that the Republican side of the chamber would be a unit on the vote, Messrs. Morrill, Hoar and the two or three other Republican Senators who were classed as doubtful prior to the holiday recess now being considered as committed to the treaty, and its supporters are hopeful of getting the necessary sixty votes for its passage. The supporters of the agreement also expect to have the aid of the silver Republicans with the exception of Senator Pettigrew. The Populists will be divided and a majority of the Democrats will be against ratification. The Democrats have, however, given up any idea that they may have had of making the annexation question a party issue and it is belived that this action will have the effect of increasing the affirmative vote on that side of the chamber.

There is no doubt that the situation in China is largely responsible for the improved prospect of the treaty, as many Senators hold the opinion that for the United States to hesitate in this matter at the present time would be to manifest a serious weakness.

WARM WIRELETS.

A Liverpool syndicate is making arrangements to build an immense tobacco manufactory at Louisville Ky.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Hezekiah A. Gudger, of North Carolina, to be U. S. consul general at Panama, Colombia.

Governor Tyler of Virginia has respited for ninety days John Jackson, of Bristol, who was sentenced to be hanged at Abingdon on Saturday for the murder of Walter P. Leonard.

It has been decided that Mrs. Nack should be arraigned next Monday. It is expected that she will be allowed to plead guilty to manslaughter and be sentenced to a long term of imprisonment.

Simon Hernsheim, the head of the large Hernsheim cigar factory at New Orleans, committed suicide. The death of his wife and other family troubles preyed on his mind. He was a wealthy man.

A dispatch from Rome says that a cruiser will be dispatched to Shanghai in response to the request of the Italian residents there for protection in the event of trouble, but there is no idea of sending a squadron.

The lumber yard of the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company, at Crow Island, near Saginaw, Mich., was on fire last night. The yard contains 16,000,000 feet of lumber, and the mill plant is valued at a quarter of a million dollars.

Calhoun Calkins, son of rich parents, and formerly a young society leader, is on trial in the Criminal Court at St. Joseph, Mo., on the charge of burglary and larceny. The defence is that he is insane from the excessive use of cigarettes.

The fund which is being collected at the Department of State for the relief of the suffering Cubans was increased yesterday by the receipt of $691, the sum of the collections so far made by the Washington *Star*. The money will be remitted at once to Consul General Lee.

The Republican Mens League, of Philadelphia, adopted resolutions calling for a meeting of Republicans to organize a movement against the re-election of Senator Quay to the United States Senate and to oppose any selection of a candidate for governor which may be made by what the league terms the State machine.

Police officers at the White House were yesterday obliegd to arrest a crank; a middle-aged German named Jacob Clements, who said he lived in New York. Tuesday he addressed a letter to the President and yesterday he called and announced God had sent him; and that he must see the President. When he was denied he became boisterous. He will be examined as to his sanity.

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RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET.

The Railway Board—N. C. Railroad Dividends School Children in Wake County—Apportionment.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 5.

Mr. A. J. Crawford, Captain of the Governor's Guard, will move to Statesville, which place he will make his home.

Much objection was expressed at the meeting of the Railway Board yesterday, by members, who think the expenses incident to the N. C. Railway lease investigation are entirely too much. A committee, consisting of Col. Lusk and J. A. Smith, was appointed to pass on all expenses before they were honored. The two assistant attorneys employed, have been paid $750 each.

The North Carolina road will continue to declare an annual dividend of 6½ per cent, until the year 1901, when the dividend will be 7 per cent,

The new superintendent of the penitentiary was asked to-day how he liked his new position. "Tolerable, just tolerable," he said. "I may like it better after I become better acquainted." John R. Smith says he could not help but like his new job. The position is well adapted to Mr. Smith; more loafing is required than anything else.

There are over 17,000 school children in Wake county. Yesterday the school fund, which amounts to about $21,000, was apportioned to the schools. The apportionment allows each scholar $1.75. This will enable Wake county schools to run five months, which is a longer period than they have heretofore been able to run.

COURT HOUSE RIOT.

Clubs and Knives Used—Everybody Fought His Neighbor.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., January 5.—When the Hamilton county court convened yesterday, 'Squires Springfield and Raulston had some hot words and clinched. Instantly the 250 men in court started a riot. Clubs, chairs, cuspidors and knives were used, and everybody fought his neighbor. Windows were broken and the court room defaced. Officers were compelled to restore order with their clubs, and then court adjourned. The whole city is stirred and serious trouble is feared.

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